

## *The United States Air Force Band of Mid-America*

is the principal musical instrument of the U.S. Air Force. It is a proud "first-class" group of musicians and a special performing ensemble of music "for people-people" at home and abroad.

The name of the Band of Mid-America is derived from the location of its headquarters, Fort Worth, Texas. It is the band leader, long known as Scott Air Force Base Band leader, who, as commander of the Military Air Transport Service and the Military Airlift Command, led the performance of the U.S. Air Force Band of Mid-America in various performances in honor of customers in the Midwest, including the major transportation entities of the United States, Great Lakes Steam Ship Lines, the Kankakee and the others.

While performing the annual Christmas concert in the metropolitan area of Fort Worth, Texas, the band played new music from its southern National Band of Mid-America in the early 1950s and played of the United States and the United States Air Force.



**Major Sam Felt**  
*Commander and Conductor*

Major Sam Felt, a native of Oak and Elm, Indiana, is the Commander and Conductor of the United States Air Force Band of Mid-America, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. He received his Bachelor of Music Education degree in 1971 from Indiana University in Bloomington,

Indiana. In 1964, he earned a Master of Fine Arts in Education degree from Western State University in Springfield, Massachusetts.

Major Felt enlisted in the United States Air Force as a musician in 1957, and was assigned to the U.S. Air Force Band of Flight, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. While there, he performed with the Civilian and Children's Bands and toured throughout the Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, and Kentucky area. After a military tour of duty as a band officer, he returned to civilian life as a School Band Director and was named the Illinois Deputy Commander of the Air Force Band of Mid-America, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. In 1965, Major Felt was assigned to the U.S. Air Force Band of Mid-America, Fort Worth, Texas, as its Commander and Conductor of the Band of Mid-America.

Presently, his Military Operations include the Department Service Band, the Air Force Command and Control Band with several headquarters, and the Air Force Band of Mid-America.

## *The United States Air Force Band of Mid-America*

Presents

### *A Holiday Celebration*

Sunday,  
December 16, 1997

Scottish Pine  
Cathedral

5632 Lindell Blvd.

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